

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] The present application is related to a new U.S. Patent Application, filed concurrently, to Chen et al., entitled "A METHOD OF PREVENTING SURFACE ROUGHENING DURING HYDROGEN PREBAKE OF SICE SUBSTRATES", having ~~(IBM)~~ Docket No. FIS920030173 U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/751.208, assigned to the present assignee, and incorporated herein by reference.

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